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INFLATABLE CURTAIN CUSHION

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to your Office Action dated May 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-47 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

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48. A safety restraint apparatus for protecting occupants of a vehicle, the apparatus comprising:
a first cushion portion having deflated and inflated configurations, the first cushion portion being adapted to receive gas from a source of pressurized gas;
a second cushion portion having deflated and inflated configurations;
a first sail portion connected between the first and second cushion portions, the first sail portion being adapted to provide passage of gas from the first cushion portion into the second cushion portion;

wherein the first cushion portion is positioned proximate a first lateral surface of the vehicle in the inflated configuration, so as to protect an occupant of a front seat of the vehicle from lateral impact, and the second cushion portion is positioned proximate a second lateral surface of the vehicle in the inflated configuration, so as to protect an occupant of a rear seat of